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To: Dr. W. F. Gannon Date: June 19, 1979

From: L. M. Sykes

Subject: REQUEST FOR SMOKE FLAVOR EVALUATION OF EXPERIMENTAL TOBACCO

A request has been received from North Carolina State University for smoke flavor evaluation of experimental tobacco. The tobacco is part of a study to support label changes and application methods for certain herbicides, insecticides and nematicides used in tobacco production. The active ingredients of the chemicals involved have EPA clearance and are currently used in tobacco production. Field evaluation of the experimental production practices is being conducted this summer and the tobacco would be available for smoking tests in September or October.

The request involves 16 samples of flue-cured tobacco from three separate tests as follows:

Test 1 - control plus five experimental samples.

Test 2 - control plus three experimental samples.

Test 3 - control plus five experimental samples.

A cursory smoke flavor evaluation of 100 percent flue-cured cigarettes is being requested with primary interest in any off-tastes that may be present thus making the tobacco undesirable in the marketplace.

Philip Morris involvement with the samples would begin when we received the 16 separate samples in strip form. Approximately 10 pounds would be available for cutting, cigarette making, and smoke flavor evaluation. Our reporting would only involve stating whether or not any off-tastes were found in the samples.

Agricultural Programs recommends that we evaluate these samples. If there are any questions concerning the request, please contact me. We would appreciate a reply as soon as possible so we can notify the personnel at North Carolina State.

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